

## News Notes From Springer Stockman

Springer needs a jeweler and watch maker.

Cattle Inspector Keenan is at home for a few days.

George Crocker was in the city from Wagon Mound this week.

The addition being built to the residence of Louis Garcia is progressing nicely.

The angler still goes out to the lake after bass, and right along he manages to land a few.

Mrs. Emilio Valdez and Miss Victoria Abreu left Monday for their visit at Fort Scott, Kansas.

Edward Keenan is carrying around a pair of big hands on account of being poisoned by ivy vines.

Herbert Warner, who has been up at Dawson for the past six weeks, returned to Springer Tuesday.

Nicholas Krannawitter is at Tucumcari, where he has charge of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company's office and business.

Miss Maria Parrish returned home last week from Topeka, Kansas, where she has been attending school for the past year.

Tomorrow is Children's Day at the M. E. church, and in the evening, exercises appropriate of the occasion, which will be interesting, are to be held.

G. H. McCartney of Vandoritas, was in Springer Monday, accompanying W. K. Irwin down with a bunch of stock horses which were sold here.

J. W. Jenkins and Mrs. C. C. Collins expect to leave the first of the week for Denver, and during a weeks absence will visit a number of Colorado points and friends.

Charley Miller was in town awhile this week from the big Maxwell farm eighteen miles north of here. Of all the gardeners known of none we know of are better than Charlie.

Several parties came down from Raton and Trinidad the latter part of last week for the purpose of catching a few bass. The weather being unfavorable their luck was poor.

Mrs. W. L. Sever and children expect to leave today for Richmond, Missouri, where they will visit for about four months with relatives and friends, Richmond being Mrs. Sever's former home.

Mrs. Aron and son are recent arrivals here from New York, their intention being to make their home here. For the present they are at home in the J. M. Allred residence on Cimarron avenue.

During warm days the big bass are still biting at the Springer Lake. But several days have been windy and unfavorable. However, Thursday was a nice day and Douglas Wright and Willie Kremis landed a nice string of them.

Attorney W. J. Eaton and wife of Clayton, who have been at the Jemez Hot Springs for some time, were in the city a short time Wednesday forenoon while on their way home. They made the round trip in their automobile.

### THE GRIST OF LIFE'S MILL

J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

Are you facing the wrong way?

Try—but don't try the wrong thing.

A drone in a hive is sure to get stung.

He who sees only the seamy side of life is already dead.

Yesterday is dead—there may never be any tomorrow for you.

A merchant has no more right to bulldoze than he has to doze.

Misdirected ambition—inevitable failure; that's the tragedy of life.

A rapturous kiss, the wedding bells, a—, no more women's clubs.

Set your mark so high that if you please yourself others must be pleased.

Ambition to reach a given goal carries with it the capacity to attain that end.

As the exactions of conscience increase the possibilities of happiness decrease.

The intellectual development of a nation is to be estimated by the value it puts on human life.

Most men are mongomaniacs because each woman firmly believes in having one husband. At least, theoretically.

Success lies as much in discovering the things one cannot do as it does in finding those things possible in their attainment.

Does reading make the man? If so, we'll read these long drawn-out murder trials until we unconsciously make heroes out of thugs and bums.

Honesty is the best policy—I don't believe that, always. When honesty gets to be a policy it ceases to be any longer a principle. See?

We all have more or less of the Bohemian inclination. Curiosity frequently leads men and women of unsullied reputation into very strange

## Maxwell City

We had a nice rain Saturday afternoon and another one Sunday night.

Mrs. Ed. Sproull spent two or three days visiting friends in Raton last week.

E. O. Brown made a business trip to Raton last Monday.

Mrs. M. J. Atwater spent part of last week with relatives in Raton.

Mrs. Annie Donnelly, and Miss Gussie Williams spent last week at the Brackett ranch.

Mrs. William Mayo, of Chico, is visiting friends in this vicinity for a few days.

Master Julius Brackett of Trinidad, is over here to spend his vacation on the ranch with his grandparents.

Manuel Valdez went to Sanchez, N. M., last Monday to visit his mother, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Reese Stubblefield visited relatives on the Vermejo several days last week.

Charlie Miller, who raises such fine vegetables at the Maxwell farm, spent several days of last week in Springer.

Miss Bessie Jackson went down to Las Vegas Sunday, to attend the summer school; her mother went down with her and will return today.

Miss Avis Blewett came home Saturday from Chico, where she has been attending school since the close of the term at Red river three months ago.

Mrs. A. L. Mix spent several days of last week in Raton, where she is having some dental work done. She must go back this week for a few days and Mr. Mix will accompany her as he don't like baching.

The Santa Fe company is putting in some good concrete bridges near here. W. F. Martin is in charge of the work and has just completed one. He has orders to put in four more.

The eighteen-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Wiebo Smith died at their home near Raton last Thursday, and they brought the body here Friday for burial in the family lot. A large number of their friends met them at the train and attended the funeral.

We notice that the county commissioners have recently appointed a lot of road supervisors, and hope it will be the duty of one of them to look after the road where it passes under the railroad track midway between here and Springer. There are 150 or 200 feet there that is a disgrace to Colfax county, and there is no way possible to pass around it.

Daniel Zwier returns this week from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is taking an eight-year course in a ministerial college. He has finished his fourth year, and will return in August. He spent last year's vacation teaching in Iowa, thus it has been two years since he was home. He hopes now to finish in the seventh year, and since he possesses grit and moral worth he will succeed.

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## ARMY.

Cupid Said... Effective Recruit...

amination, and all from boys under "The love affairs of the very young men of Kansas City must be in a degree of a state," said Lieut. Roger O. Mason, recruiting officer. "To-day we have had 12 applications for enlistment, eight passing the physical examination who could not get the consent of their parents to join the army. That indicates that 12 young men who had tiffs with their sweethearts now are looking for lives of adventure and danger to make them forget their troubles, and incidentally to make the young women feel sorry when they see the brave heroes they have scorned marching jauntily, clad in blue uniforms and brass buttons, while all the girls look on lost in admiration."

"Experience has shown that the main reason young men of good families find for wishing to enlist in the army is because of affairs of the heart which have turned out badly. Occasionally a wish for what he believes will be a career full of excitement or a boy's natural wish to be a soldier makes the young men who are under age enlist, but usually it is the heartache."—Kansas City Journal.

IN THE NATURE OF PICKUP.

Woman Wanted the Express Charges Saved to Store.

A young woman entered a store in Washington and bought a smoking jacket. "Of course you will pay the express charges on this for me?" she said, with a winning smile.

"Certainly, madam," replied the clerk. "We will pay express anywhere within 100 miles."

"What will the express charge be to Blankville, W. Va.?" she asked.

"Never mind how much it will be," said the clerk. "Whatever it may be, the amount will be paid."

"But I want to know the cost," she persisted.

"I would have to phone the express company to get it. Why are you so anxious?"

"Because I am going to Blankville, and I will carry the package out there myself and deliver it. I want you to deduct from the price of it the amount you would have to pay the express company." And then with the sweetest of smiles she added, "Remember the saying of the good old woman, 'Let nothing go to waste.'"

King Alfonso's Full Title.

King Alfonso XIII. is said to be the only man who was ever born a king! A posthumous son of Alfonso XII, who died in November, 1885, was born in May of the following year and was immediately proclaimed king under the regency of his mother, who was an imperial princess of the house of Austria. He was the third child of his parents, the two Infantas, Mercedes and Marie-Therese, having been born in 1889 and 1892, respectively.

The full title of Alfonso XIII. is Leon-Ferdinand-Marie-Jacques-Isidore-Pascal-Antoine, king of Spain, of Castile, of Leon d'Aragon, of the two Sicilies, of Jerusalem, Minorena and Maporca, of Seville, Valencia, Gallia, of Cordova, Gibraltar, of the Canary Islands, and of the East and West Indies, besides which he bears numerous ducal and archducal titles.—Harper's Bazar.

End of Pullman as a Feudal City.

George M. Pullman's dream of a model city has at last vanished in thin air. His vision of a Utopia for laboring men is shattered. It is a thing of the past. It was the supreme court of Illinois that punctured the bubble, and the town of Pullman, famous the world over as an ideal manufacturing town, takes its place along with the numerous other suburbs of Chicago, and its Utopian existence comes to an end. To be sure, the red brick city remains, with its 12,000 inhabitants, but the great Pullman company does not own it now center to circumference, as it once did. One by one the tenants are buying the cottages and dwellings in the town, and it will not be long before the 2,000 houses will be sold.

Some Hood Puns.

The punning preeminence of Hood was appreciated in high quarters. In Chatsworth's splendid libraries, on the lumpy backs which veil the imitation leopards, one may see specimens of Hood's little jokes. Here are a few: Beverage on the Beer Act; Wren's Voyage to the Canaries; Minto's Coins; Horn Took on Catching Cows; Macadam's Rhodes; Braham's Rape of the Lock; Inigo Jones on Secret Entrances; Esterhazy on Spring Fogs; Dyspepsia and Heartburn, by the Bishop of Sodor; Skye, by McCloud; Dibble's Cream of Tar. Such pleasant items are just a trifle odd when you remember the priceless volumes on the Chatsworth shelves.—London Chronicle.

The Great Heron Must Go.

The great heron is not the only one of that family to subsist on a fish diet, but out of over a dozen species it is the largest and most gluttonous of its kind, and without a single redeeming quality, except, perhaps, the laughable and grotesque manner it swallows a fish. Louis Read, the artist-sportsman, suggests in Recreation that steps should be taken by followers of Isaac Walton to see that the lawmakers of our various states should pass laws that will give the needed protection from these destroyers of our game fish.

A Vanishing Lake.

Fresh evidence of the disappearance of Lake Tchad in Central Africa has lately been accumulated. Capt. Tilho of the Anglo-French Boundary Commission says that the form and area of the lake have undergone great changes since the explorations of Barth and Nachtigal, 40 to 50 years ago. It is now navigable only in certain places, and boats frequently run aground. The tendency seems to be toward the development of a vast marsh on the site of the lake, although half a century ago its great waves in stormy weather gave it the appearance of an ocean.

## OLD MAN JESTER LEAVES WICHITA

Remarkable Story of His Long and Unhappy Life Can Past Last Days in Peace.

Peace and comfort are in store for the last days of Alexander Jester, the man who was indicted, tried and acquitted, for the murder of Wm. Gates, brother of John W. Gates, millionaire. Jester, until two months ago, was a resident of Wichita, now has a pension of \$20 per month and a good farm in Mexico, upon which to depend.

This was a case of national importance that affected one of Sedgewick county's oldest settlers.

In the early seventies Alexander Jester was a resident of Sedgewick county. In some way he secured a freak Buffalo calf and made a business of taking it around over the country for exhibition. It was while Alexander Jester was on one of these expeditions that he met Wm. Gates near Nevada, Mo.

Gates was traveling in a wagon over the route to California for the purpose of benefitting his health. He was well equipped, driving a fine team of horses, and having plenty of money and provisions for his journey. Near the time Gates and Jester met, Gates' body was found in a river. The head had been severed entirely from the body. Everything pointed toward Jester as the murderer, as he had the team that belonged to Gates.

Jester was arrested and imprisoned in the county jail at Nevada, Mo., but he escaped by breaking jail before the trial occurred. Nothing more was heard of him for many years, although search was made by J. W. Gates, brother of the murdered man, who is now a millionaire, president of the American Steel and wire company of Chicago. J. W. Gates has been making untiring efforts for almost thirty years to apprehend Jester, but had never obtained the least clue as to his whereabouts.

Chas. Simmons was sheriff of Sedgewick county in 1887. He received a letter from the sister of Jester, which stated something to this effect:

"I am living at Shawnee, Okla., with my brother, Alexander Jester, who is a murderer. He is guilty of murdering Wm. Gates, almost thirty years ago."

Jester had assumed the name of Hill after he had escaped from jail and had located at Shawnee, Okla. No one there knew him, but he lived in constant dread of being brought to trial by Gates.

Hill had married and had raised a family of children, but at the time of his arrest he was a widower and was living in a small house with his sister, each having an equal share in it.

Jester, alias Hill, was going to get married again and told his sister that when he got married she would have to leave the place. This so incensed her that when she was cast from her home she notified Sheriff Simmons of this county.